

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3671
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Safety of Women in Public Transport
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount allocated and disbursed for safety of women in the public transports in the country during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) whether it is fact that the funds allocated for development of road connectivity in naxal affected areas have not been utilized in the last few years;
- (c) if so, the details along with the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to improve women safety in the transport sector in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) The Government approved a scheme namely "Security for Women in Public Road Transport in the country" in January 2014. The expenditure of this scheme is to be made from the Nirbhaya Fund. During 2014-15, the budgetary allocation of scheme was Rs. 50 Crore out of which Rs. 1.43 Crore was spent. Thereafter, no expenditure has been made under this scheme. Now, the Nirbhaya Fund is administered by Ministry of Women & Child Development.

(b) & (c) No, Madam. The fund allocated and utilized for development of road connectivity in naxal affected areas are as under:

(Rs. In Crore)

Year Fund allocated Fund utilized

2012-13 1175 1136.96

2013-14 1035 1021.02

2014-15 1174 1164.59

2015-16 1121 996.11

2016-17 760 575.86 *

* Up to January, 2017

(d) Maintenance of law & order is a State Subject. State Government makes the policy for the safety of women in the public transport. However, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has issued notification vide GSR No. 1095(E) dated 28.11.2016 whereby Central Government has mandated the provision of vehicle location device and one or more panic button in public transport vehicles w.e.f. April 1st, 2018.
